

PICTURES  
and  
Biographical Sketches  
of the  
BUSINESS MEN  
OF  
Clay City, Illinois  
1930

OBITUARIES

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CLAY COUNTY ADVOCATE

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## FOREWORD

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During a period of ten months, beginning October 1, 1929, to August 31, 1930, the Clay County Advocate printed as a special feature, pictures and biographical sketches of business men of Clay City. It was planned at the beginning that after the completion of this series, the pictures and biographies would be reproduced in book form as a means of preservation.

In addition this little book contains reproductions of the obituaries published in the Advocate from October 1, 1929, to October 1, 1930, also a brief history of Maysville and Clay City, in the early days and a list of the various other businesses in Clay City on November 1, 1930, who were not featured in the picture pages of the Advocate.



Yours truly,

*John T. Carder,*

## CLAY COUNTY'S FIRST COUNTY SEAT

Clay county was created by an act of the legislature, December 23, 1824.

James Bird, Israel Jennings and John H. Morris were appointed commissioners to locate the county seat, and were requested to meet at the home of John McCawley.

The courts were to meet at the house of John McCawley.

An election was held at McCawley's on the third Monday in February, 1824, and elected a sheriff, coroner and three county commissioners.

On Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1825, at the house of John McCawley, assembled the first county commissioners' court for the new county of Clay. They were John H. Lacy, Wm. Lewis and Samuel G. Weatherspoon.

Wm. C. Osborn, appointed county clerk by the commissioners, and the first paper put in the court's records was his commission as clerk, bearing the date of February 23, 1825.

The appointment of Mathias Meisenheimer, the first road supervisor for the road leading from John McCawley's bridge to the Marion county line, and John McCawley, supervisor of the Vincennes and St. Louis road, completed the first day's work in the first court in Clay county.

In the second day's court, Daniel May, William Lewis, John McCawley, James Nelson, Andrew Evans, Thomas Elliott, Mathias

Meisenheimer, Isaac Elliott and Thomas Nichols were granted a "tavern license" for the term of one year, each paying a fee of \$2.50 and were governed by the following rates:

For keeping horse one night	37½c
Lodging	12½c
Supper	25c
Brexfast	25c
Dinner	37½c
Horse Feed	12½c
One quart whiskey	25c
One pint whiskey	18¾c
One gill whiskey	6¼c

### HUBBARDSVILLE FIRST COUNTY SEAT

Daniel May donated 20 acres of land to the county. Daniel McCall who was appointed surveyor, was ordered to lay off and plot the new town on May's donation. May was authorized to build the first court house to be erected on the public square. The little county seat, which had borne the name of Hubbardsville from March, 1825, to June of that year, now was named Maysville, in honor of Daniel May, who donated the ground and built the first court house which with additions built to it is standing today and occupied by D. N. Soules.

The spring term of court in 1841 was the last held at the old county seat, the fall term was held at the new and present county seat, Louisville, in rented rooms, pending the completion of the new court house.

## Clay County Advocate Office



The Advocate office pictured, recalls a Wednesday afternoon as the writer was making ready to go on the press for the weekly paper and Mrs. Carder awaiting to contribute her part in the publication.

The other 19 members of this feature have had someone else to speak for them in this column, but I am having to speak for myself and I will frankly acknowledge, first, that I was born in East Pixley township, Clay county, Illinois, 'way back in 1876, October 1. I was reared on a farm, married in 1897, left the farming to others one year following. Came to Clay City, March, 1900, following painting and paperhanging until 1907, when I engaged in the restaurant with F. M. Brissenden. Sold my interests to Mr. Brissenden in 1917 and after spending three months in Davenport, Iowa, returned to Clay City, engaging in various pursuits of life until January, 1921, when I bought of J. C. Sanders the Advocate equipment which had been lying dormant for 28 months, and in the nine years and six months I have stood every week at the old press and ground out the

Advocates, with the exception of one week when I was fortunate enough to be able to take a vacation of ten days in July, 1927.

Mrs. Carder, whose age I had better not mention without her permission, supplies the extra help at the office, especially on press day. Until a few years ago our paper was hand set and until we changed to machine composition she assisted in the composition work. I must not forget to mention that our daughter, Helen, too, is pressed into service on press days—she is 15; I'm not afraid to tell her age.

The Clay County Advocate was established in 1889 by a corporation of Clay City business men—one of these, C. D. Duff, still remaining in business in Clay City. Later the business was sold and resold several times, even operation was suspended a number of times.

I want to thank the business men and our patrons for making it possible to re-establish the operation of the Advocate and its tenth year continuance, but I would like to have another vacation before the weather gets too hot.



## C. D. Duff



We are really joyful of the opportunity and for the privilege at this time of being able to feature on this page this man, Mr. C. D. Duff, the oldest in business of any business man now in Clay City, because we know that he has many absent friends who get this paper who will especially appreciate seeing his picture as he is today.

C. D. Duff was born in Old Maysville, Illinois, October 16, 1855. After the death of his father, he, then six months old, returned with his mother to Tennessee, in a covered wagon, where he lived until 21 years of age.

He then returned to Clay City and was employed as a store clerk by two uncles, R. E. and J. N. Duff. After the death of R. E. Duff in 1877, J. N. Duff and C. D. Duff continued the business under the firm name of J. N. Duff & Company until 1888 when C. D. Duff sold his interest in the store and soon thereafter entered into business with J. T. Evans & Company. In 1907 Dr. J. T. Evans sold his interest in the business to his son, C. D. Evans, and the firm's name was changed to Duff & Evans, which continued business until 1911 when C. D. Evans sold his interest to John W. Duff, since which time the business has been conducted under the firm name of C. D. & J. W. Duff, father and son, and includes a second son,

### Carroll Duff.

When Mr. Duff first became a member of the firm of J. T. Evans & Company, they were conducting a general mercantile store. A while before Mr. Evans sold out they had changed to buying grain, seeds, etc., and selling farm machinery, harness and other items along that line.

Today, Mr. Duff, his sons, Wallace and Carroll, through their courtesy, honorable and upright dealing with the public have an established business sufficient to reward them for their efforts, and at the same time they are rendering a most valuable service to the community, continuing the handling of grain, seeds, hay, feeds of all kinds, especially for poultry, and carrying a good line of harness, wire fencing, nails, etc.—really a farm supply store and located at the same spot occupied by J. T. Evans & Company years ago.

Mr. Duff has served several terms as a member of the village council, several years and until about three years ago as secretary of the Building & Loan Association. He is interested extensively in farming and stock raising and heartily enjoys meeting the farmers in the store where a comfortable chair is always offered the patrons and friends and also a hearty welcome extended to all.



## A. Hunley



Archibald Hunley, subject of this sketch, is well known over Clay county, as well as are very few others.

He was born in Clay City where Crackel & Sons' garage is now located, December 23, 1874. He spent his early life on the farm near Clay City. In 1901 he was appointed guard at the Southern Illinois Penitentiary where he served under Governor Richard Yates a few months over four years. Returning to Clay City and again entering the farming game in 1905. He pursued this vocation until the year of 1917 when he purchased the J. A. Rodgers grocery store, where he—let us pause right here to state that now and hereinafter when we refer to his grocery business it's in his name only, because his wife, Lil, as she is commonly known, is the whole thing in this grocery business and her picture should have appeared beside his but she would not consent. Now, we back up to say he is still conducting a thriving grocery and meat market, in the old building occupied in the 90s by the post office.

Arch is more interested in his farms and stock raising; this is

why he leaves the store business entirely to Mrs. Hunley. He takes care of it at times while she goes to her meals a few steps away, providing she is absent but a minute or two—he'll leave. He would rather face a zero blizzard and go to his slaughter house and dress a hog than to count a dozen of eggs.

Mr. Hunley has served his township as supervisor five two-year terms and was again elected last spring for his sixth. However, politics betrayed him back several years ago defeating him once in the primary and once in the general election for sheriff. Since then the office has been tendered him by his party with almost positive assurance of his election and he said NO.

There is no better hearted man than Arch. His kindness and the favors he has extended to the needy, his sympathetic disposition toward those who are less fortunate than he has made him many, many friends, not only around among his home people but all over the county and elsewhere where he is known.

But "Lil" runs the grocery store.

## "Jiggs"



We are confronted with a duality in dealing with the subject of this sketch—first is that of "Jiggs" a dual of Frank M. Brissenden and is not to be considered in the sketch except in furnishing the near physical likeness on paper. No camera, so far, has been able to withstand the exposure of the principal subject, consequently his dual was employed to display the physical features of our subject, Mr. Brissenden.

Frank M. Brissenden, born January 21, 1874, on a farm two miles southeast of Clay City where Lem Glasco now resides. When one year of age his parents moved to their new home in Old Maysville, a brick house now occupied by Mr. Wattles. After reaching manhood he entered the lumber business with his father, Morris Brissenden, between the years of 1890-1894. The lumber business was sold out in 1902 and Frank traveled for a year or two for the

International Harvester Co., then he moved to St. Louis where he was employed with an express company for three years.

Returning to Clay City in 1906 and in June, 1907, he and Wm. T. Carder purchased the Mills Cafe. After ten years of the most congenial and satisfactory partnership Mr. Brissenden purchased the interest of his partner in August, 1917, and today he is able to slice the ham, though 22 years have been added to his age, as he could fifteen years ago.

Every soul, even a child who is large enough to walk alone and has ever met Mr. Brissenden, know him, not as Mr. Brissenden, but "Jiggs," and many people in neighboring towns know him as "Jiggs," who really are not able to tell you his real name. We are going to tell you in another item elsewhere how he inherited the name "Jiggs."

W. H. Banker



W. H. Banker was born in Wayne county, January 22, 1884, came to Clay City in 1911 and engaged in the hardware business in the room now occupied by the Advocate, later moving to the room occupied now by Wiltsey & Wiltsey. In 1918 he sold out and was employed with the Clay City Lumber & Hardware Co. until October, 1926, when he became a partner with R. E. Duff in the grocery business. Mr. Duff sold his interests to Henry Weiler, March, 1929, and since, the firm has been Banker & Weiler, located in the south room of the Odd Fellows building.

Herschel has associated with the public in a business way for the past eighteen years and because of his congeniality, courtesy and square dealing he has continuously made new friends—everybody likes Herschel.

When everybody you meet is wearing a frown and seem unfriendly, try Herschel; he'll be smiling.

Henry Weiler



Henry Weiler was born on a farm northwest of Clay City, October 12, 1905, came to Clay City with his parents in 1923 and attended the Clay City schools.

After serving Murvin Bros. as clerk in their store here for two years he resigned his position last March and entered into the grocery business for himself with W. H. Banker, buying out the interest of R. E. Duff.

Henry, whose occupation prior to clerking in a store was assisting his father in looking after the farm's products. In entering the business game he found it one of pleasure to him and that feature, naturally, is responsible to a certain degree in developing friendship between him and those he served. His desire to be of more service, possibly was partially responsible for his desire to enter into business for himself where he could apply himself in his own way.

## Wm. L. Holman



A native of Clay City and a life long citizen is the subject in our sketch this week. You already know that it is William L. Holman. He was born in Clay City, May 8, 1879. "Bill" brought his school work to a close early in life as many of us did in those days, and entered the milling business with his father, Samuel Holman, at the age of 15. In the year 1907 his father retired from the mill and "Bill" assumed full charge until the flourishing mills in this section of Illinois began to discontinue grinding wheat. He then continued at the old stand conducting practically the same kind of business as before except the grinding of wheat. Later he branched out into the wholesale business adding many items to his line and in 1925 he erected a large building on Main street on the corner just north of the B. & O. depot in order to be able to take care of his growing business. The old mill site was then abandoned and is still standing with most of the old mill-

ing machinery therein.

Mr. Holman handles an extensive line of flour and other foods, poultry feed, stock feed and coal. His trade reaches out 100 miles from Clay City and orders are delivered by truck. "Bill's Best," a hard wheat flour of his own brand, has become a favorite throughout this vast radius of his trade territory.

Here is a good place to mention that "Billy" took a vacation in the year of 1898 and went over to Cuba and helped settle some trouble then existing between the United States and Spain, under the orders of army service.

"Billy" and his worthy companion, besides their comfortable home, enjoy that great pleasure of a married son with two little girls. The son, Harold, is all except a partner in name in his father's business.

"Bill" is one of the Clay City Booster Club and an earnest worker in the church. And don't think he is not for Clay City.

## C. M. Keith



Charles M. Keith, the subject of this sketch, was born November 28, 1903, at Rinard, Illinois. His father, Earl Keith, who is well known throughout this community as an extensive land owner and stock raiser naturally brought to Charles a knowledge of farming, along with his school education, which was completed at the Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois, 1922-1926, where he graduated in commerce and finance with B. S. degree, after he had graduated from the Flora high school with the class of 1922.

After his high school and university work was completed he accepted employment with the Sexton Manufacturing Company at Flora as manager of order department, remaining with the company a'out a year when he accepted a position with a chain store company as manager of one of their stores in Flora. He had only served this company one year when he came to Clay City in June, 1929, and took charge, as manager, of the Clay City Lumber & Hardware

Company, the business formerly owned by a number of stockholders and purchased by Earl Keith, in 1928.

Mr. Keith, upon entering into the new line of business here, began at once to exercise his business ability and talent, with the assistance of his able clerk, Will Bradley, who had had previous experience in the line of merchandise handled by the company, in building up the business. He began at once letting the people know that they had the goods, the price and would render the service—he believes in advertising. The store room was remodeled, brightened up with paint, stock rearranged and displayed and it seems that Mr. Keith (and Bill, for Bill is always found busy in adding to the appearance of the store and the displaying of light as well as heavy hardware in such a manner that it is really attractive) have been untiring in their efforts to render a service that their patrons would really appreciate and long remember.



## Kenneth Conour



Kenneth Conour, who is the subject of this sketch and pictured above has been one of Clay City's industrious business men for the past 16 years, coming here from Sumner, Illinois, in the year of 1914.

He was born May 12, 1894, at Sumner, Illinois, and after reaching an age of usefulness he found employment in the poultry business with J. M. Prather, and it was there in Sumner he learned the poultry business, which, at that time including the dressing of poultry and the packing of dressed poultry.

In 1914 Mr. Conour and Gene Dale, forming a partnership, came to Clay City and bought out the J. M. Prather branch poultry business here and after about six months Mr. Conour bought his partner's interests and has continued the business ever since in the name of K. Conour Produce Company.

Mr. Conour, no doubt, is alone responsible for putting Clay City on the map as one of the best poultry and egg markets in this

section of the country. Back at the time he came here, merchants who bought poultry and eggs, shipped independently. Later it was found that independent shipping was added expense in handling country produce and the producer had to pay in the end. Mr. Conour made it possible to reduce the shipping expense by wholesale buying and selling, taking the produce from the buyers not only in Clay City but from the entire community and inland towns.

Too, "Red," as he is commonly known, has maintained a market for a varied line of produce, including junk of all kinds—old iron, rags, metals, and green hides. Many times having car loads of old iron piled up around on his premises before loading out.

He has prospered, he has paid good prices and after sixteen years of buying the various lines of produce coming in from all sources he holds and has maintained a reputation of square dealing with his patrons—honest weights, good prices—good checks has done this.

## Clay City Banking Co.



The Clay City Banking Company bank was organized July 2, 1892, with a capital stock of \$10,000, surplus \$2,000, with J. T. Evans, president; Is Mills, vice president; F. M. Chaffin, cashier, and S. S. Gill, J. T. Evans, C. W. Hopkins, Is Mills and F. M. Chaffin, directors. The bank's present vice president and cashier became an associate as bookkeeper a few months later. Its first home was a small frame building on South Main street, now used for a voting place.

In 1894 a two story brick building was erected nearer the center of the business district which they occupied until the year 1910 when again they moved into their new building pictured above.

Its present officers are C. W. Hopkins, president; J. E. Gibbs, vice president and cashier; C. H. Bones, assistant cashier, and Chas. L. Hopkins, bookkeeper. Directors, C. W. Hopkins, John Gill, C. D. Duff, J. E. Gibbs and A. H. Duff. Capital and surplus over \$70,000.00.



## W. G. Murvin



W. G. Murvin was born October 4, 1891, at Ingraham, Illinois. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Bible Grove and there he grew to manhood, assisting his father in farming. At the age of 23, in the year of 1914, he accompanied his parents back to Ingraham, where he and a brother, J. G., with their father entered into the general mercantile business under the firm name of J. R. Murvin & Sons, in the old Osman Pixley stand where, at one time, many years ago, sixty or more, was the site of the largest retail general store in the county.

In 1923 the father retired from business and W. G. Murvin, the subject of this sketch, and his brother, J. G., forming the firm of Murvin Brothers, continued the business until 1926 when they decided to enlarge their business and opened a store in Clay City, November 13, 1926, with W. G. Murvin, manager, his brother continuing with the store at Ingraham. On January 1, 1929, they moved the Ingraham store to West Salem, Illinois.

At this time the store at West Salem is managed by J. G. Murvin and W. G. Murvin in charge of the store in Clay City, both joint-

ly owned by the two and as Murvin Bros.

Necessarily we mention both W. G. and J. G. at this time in stating that the business of J. R. Murvin & Sons and Murvin Bros. have throughout their business career been a success—they work co-operatively, of course, and both possess business qualities that have been an asset both to themselves and the public. They believe in having what the people want, and both believe in conveying the news to the public in the way of advertising.

The Murvin Bros. occupy the Coggan building here and carry a general line of merchandise from toothpicks and pins to farm fencing and room rugs.

As we go along in life we must advance—progress a little each year, and each year Murvin's store has striven to do this to the best of its ability. Founded with the objective of giving the people of Clay City and their many customers value and service, they have tried to give a little bit more of these two things each year. Their success in this attempt has been marked in the past and it will be in the future.

## R. E. Duff



You've all wondered who would be next. Here he is. Robert Earl Duff, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Duff. Mr. Duff, now deceased, was a pioneer business man of Clay City.

The subject of this sketch was born October 5, 1886, on East Second street, where his mother now resides. Earl is a comparatively young man and has no lengthy biography but he has been active since completing his education in the Clay City schools.

After several years of clerkship in the stores of Clay City, in 1923 he formed a partnership with John D. Bones, now deceased, in the real estate business. He was also elected in that year as secretary of the Clay City Building, Loan & Homestead Association. He also was elected at this time as supervisor of Clay City township and was re-elected supervisor in 1925, serving two terms with the credit of furnishing the tax payers of Clay county with the long form tax receipts and moneys being paid into the treasury that had been forgotten or misplaced by some of the county officials. He was chairman of the board in his

last term. He refused a place on the ticket in 1929 which meant his reelection again to this office.

In 1926 Mr. Duff and W. H. Banker purchased a grocery store, located in the south room of the I. O. O. F. building, from J. E. Brissenden. In March, 1929, Mr. Duff sold his interest to Henry Weiler. Since that time Mr. Duff has maintained an office at the store where he handles the business of the Building & Loan, his real estate and insurance.

Earl is now serving not his first term as one of the village councilmen. He is active and ready at all times to do his part in any civic affair that comes up. He has a family, three children all in school, owns his home and is president of the Clay City Booster Club.

Earl is well liked and quite congenial among his fellow citizens, and our little booklet, which we will issue within a few months and which will be preserved by hundreds of our readers, will not be able to mention all the good that there is in Robert because there is a lot that is to come and cannot be predicted at this time.

## F. T. Banker



Francis Titus Banker, subject of this sketch, was born in Indiana, May 7, 1856, came to Clay county about the year of 1859, the family residing near Clay City for a short time, then moving to Zif township in Wayne county where, a little later his father conducted a store and was postmaster at Zif for many years.

Francis T. is a carpenter by trade, which he followed for many years.

In the year of 1912 he purchased the Brock House in Clay City, moved his family here and has continued to serve the public with boarding house and hotel accommodations these past seventeen years.

Upon taking charge of the hotel business, he changed the name to "The Banker House." He began improving, remodeling and has continually improved the building and surroundings until it is one of the best kept-up places in Clay City, and a most home-like place to stop for a meal or a month—he and his good wife specialize in

making it just so.

Mr. Banker is quite ingenious and has improved the idle time from the hotel business in installing light machinery in what he calls his work shop, power drive for lathes, band and scroll saws, and other equipment which he uses in repairing furniture, cabinet building, etc. He is very neat with this line of work; he enjoys it, and he does it during his leisure from his duties at the house.

Possibly there is no one living who has not an enemy but if this man has one we've never heard of it. His character is such that the preceding remark is due him while he is living. He has reared a fine family of six children, all of whom are now in homes of their own. His greatest pleasure now is to have these children come to his home bringing the grandchildren for a visit with him and his home companion.

Mr. Banker is a member of the Clay City Booster Club and is for Clay City.

## Weiler's Service Station



Weiler's Service Station is located at the Y in Clay City, where Route 12 leaves Main street, turning eastward, was built and is owned and operated by Everett Weiler who will be seen standing in the foreground.

Older people will remember this location as the Miller Lumber yard site, years ago.

In the year 1924, after the state had built Route 12 through Clay City, which caused some changes and relocating some of the buildings on this corner, Mr. Weiler planned and was the chief mechanic in erecting the building pictured, for a service station. He has never rested from making it more attractive each year and making his place one of service. It is one of the beauty spots of our little village and Mr. Weiler, it must be said right here, is always found at his post endeavoring to render prompt and adequate service. He has established a repu-

tation of prompt service, square dealing and courtesy with strangers as well as with his most intimate friends.

Mr. Weiler was born in Clay county, about four miles south of Flora, August 9, 1899. Moved with his parents to a farm northeast of Flora, where they resided for a few years then located on what is now known as the Weiler farm, between Clay City and Flora, on Route 12, in 1917. In 1921 he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Paden, of Clay City. Following his marriage he came to Clay City and entered into the hardware business which he conducted for three years and until he erected the building and engaged in serving the people as he is today.

Besides the Standard Oil products, Mr. Weiler handles at his station, tires, several items of accessories and has the agency for the Stewart-Warner radio.



## Laota Doherty Banker



The subject of this sketch is a daughter of the late Stephen S. Doherty, who with a brother, Anthony Doherty, served Clay City and community as druggists from 1880 to the time of the former's death in 1926, excepting about three years from 1905 to 1908.

Mrs. Banker was born July 9, 1891, in Caly City and at the age of seven moved from here with her parents and after a year or so located in Murphysboro, Illinois, where she graduated in the Murphysboro high school in the year 1909. Her mother died while residing at Murphysboro and in 1918 she and her father returned to Clay City where he again entered the drug business and she assisted him as an apprentice.

At her father's death in February, 1926, she became the owner of the Doherty Drug Store and took up the study of pharmacy, passing the state board of examiners in January, 1929, and was granted a certificate and licensed a registered pharmacist.

To appreciate a comfortable rocker is to find it in another's home. If, in any other town, as large or twice the size of Clay City, could be found a drug store that would compare with our drug store in Clay City, it should be worthy of special note.

The store's fixtures, the display of the merchandise and window decorations makes it one of the beauty spots among Clay City businesses. Mrs. Banker has shared in awards in national contests in window decorations and displays.

For almost fifty years, with the exception of those mentioned above, this drug store has been owned by the Doherty family and today it retains the name, "Doherty Drug Store."

## T. M. Wharf & Son

We are featuring this week in somewhat an unusual way, compared with features previously run in that the subject herein featured is a resident of Olney and is the only one represented in this Business Men's Review series of features, outside of resident business men. In a way, since Clay City has no monument works and T. M. Wharf & Son, of Olney, an old established firm having served the people of this community for about fifty years, were eligible to come in and share in these series of features and they gladly accepted the invitation.

The T. M. Wharf Monument Works was established in Olney about fifty years ago. Later, a son, Eugene, who grew up in the business with his father, became a partner, changing the firm name to T. M. Wharf & Son. "Gene," well known by many of our people throughout the community and at the prime of life in age is now leading in handling the business affairs of the business, and speaking rather personally and in plain English, to know him is to like him. (He would have us to deplete this if he knew it was going in, but it's true and we believe in "flowers for the worthy while living.")

"Gene" is a frequent visitor in Clay City; he has rendered service to hosts of people in this community and they are all satisfied customers—if they are not, it certainly is not his fault.

The Wharf Marble Works is located on the west side of the Illinois Central railroad tracks just one-half block north of Main street and we can assure anyone of a cordial welcome to visit Eugene there any time.

Burley Shock



Burley Shock, principal in this sketch, was born near Clay City, April 10, 1880. After finishing his schooling he began fighting live's Lattie's dressing poultry for J. M. Prather under J. C. Mosser. At this he became quite proficient and worked several years at the business. He then went to work for Black & Duff in a grocery store, the store later changing hands three or four times and Burley always went in the deal until February 20, 1926, when he with his son, Frank, went into the grocery business for themselves and are now located in the McCawley building on South Main street, and enjoying their share of the grocery business.

Burley developed a knowledge of furs and during the fur season he buys up practically all the furs caught and sold in the community. He knows quality in furs and he has established a reputation of dealing fairly with his fur patrons who many times must depend upon the buyers fairness in selling fur.

Frank Shock



Frank Shock, the son and a partner in the grocery business, was born February 2, 1904, in Clay City, and like his father, with the exception of about three years when he had employment with the American Steel Foundry in East St. Louis, has continuously lived in Clay City. He went to St. Louis directly after finishing school and almost immediately after his return home entered the grocery business with his father in February, 1926.

For the benefit of anyone who might be interested in knowing, we might state here that Frank isn't married, except to his place of business, and not quite so in that case because Frank enjoys base ball and is frequently called upon by some neighboring town ball clubs to help them win a game and he is able to put up his part of a good game, too.

Both he and his father are members of the Clay City Booster Club and are boosters for their home town.

F. M. Blessing



Frank M. Blessing, featured this week on the left with his son, John Leonard, on the right, was born in Clay City, April 1, 1882, and is the only surviving son of the late Leonard Blessing, a pioneer merchant of Clay City.

Frank, after completing the school course in Clay City took a business course in the Barnes Business College in Flora. His business pursuits in life began when he entered into the truss hoop business, later that of making barrels. After

disposing of these businesses and the town putting in an electric light plant he entered in the electric supply and wiring business which he followed until Clay City had her first picture show and he was the promoter of that, then called the Nickelodeon, which he disposed of later and entered into the garage business in 1912, also establishing the first automobile agency in Clay City, selling the Ford automobile which he handled for a year or so, changing to the Dodge and for the past several years he has had the Buick agency and service.

In connection with the Buick

John L. Blessing



agency Mr. Blessing is conducting a garage, offering service in every way to the auto owner including storage. Besides, he has the agency for the famous Goodyear tires, General Electric Frigidaire, and the Kolster radio. His business is located on the corner where his father did business for years, the building being rebuilt after the big fire in 1906 and is among the best in Clay City.

Frank has served several years as one of the village councilmen and is a member of the present board. He is a member of the Booster Club and a booster always.

#### JOHN LEONARD BLESSING

John Leonard Blessing, son of Frank M., was born September 27, 1909, in Clay City. After completing the third year high school here he graduated from the Harter Township high school at Flora with the class of 1928. After his graduation he became associated with his father in the garage business, where he at this time, will be found offering his services in the various branches of the business to the public.



## Frank Levitt

Frank Levitt, member of the firm of Levitt & Easley, was born January 6, 1878, about three miles east of Sailor Springs at Old Gatewood (Bucktown), in Pixley township. He was reared on a farm and after he married he continued farming in the same community in which he was reared until he came with his family to Clay City in September, 1924.

A year or so before moving to Clay City he entered into the flour and feed business, as a side line, at Sailor Springs. Desiring to enter the business more extensively he moved his business to Clay City and retired from the farm. Soon after moving here he erected a store room and warehouse on West First street, near the Banker House, better known to some as the Brock House, facing the railroad, where he has conducted the flour, feed and coal business ever since. Last October he accepted the partnership of Glenn R. Easley in the coal business.

Mr. Levitt is for the things that go to help make Clay City a better town and is a member of the Boosters Club.

## Glenn R. Easley

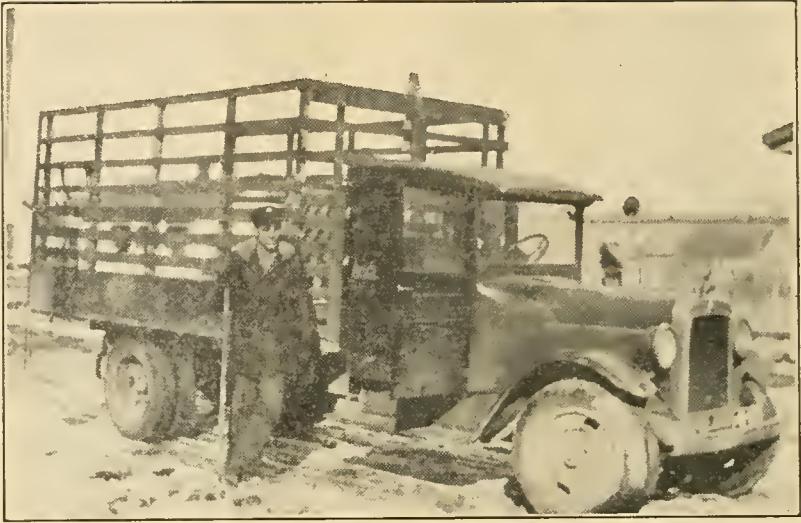
Glenn R. Easley, member of the firm of Levitt & Easley, was born December 27, 1898, at Dix, Illinois, leaving there when six years of age, with his parents when they moved to Wayne City, Illinois. In 1911 the family came to Clay City, where his father, E. E. Easley, entered the furniture and undertaking business.

Glenn, after finishing his school work, enlisted in assisting his father at the store. In 1925 he bought out the ice business here and continued to help at the store at spare times. In 1928 he leased the Indian filling station on South Main street, at the old Bothwell & Hopkins corner which he managed in conjunction with the ice business until October, 1929, when he quit the filling station and entered into the coal business with Mr. Levitt, retaining the ice business in connection.

No, he isn't married—naturally that assertion brings another question that many will ask: why? We don't know—he's old enough and don't seem to be a bit backward.

But, he's a booster for Clay City and a member of the Boosters Club and an-ice man.

## Wm. Hiser



Pictured above is a Dodge dual wheel truck with the owner, Will Hiser, standing at the door.

The picture an dwhat has already been said is enough for the truck, so we'll tell you more about "Bill."

He was born on a farm about two miles west of Sailor Springs, July 10, 1895. When about eight years old he moved with his parents to Sailor Springs where he continued to live until married, then he moved to a farm between Clay City and the Springs where he lived a year or so, then removed back to the Springs where he engaged in teaming.

On Thanksgiving day in 1924, while hunting the accidental discharge of a shotgun while his two hands were resting over the muzzle of the gun, tore away a part of each hand, leaving a thumb and little finger on one hand and three fingers on the other.

In 1925 he moved to Clay City and engaged in the taxi business, which he foliowed and at the same time gradually drifted into the trucking business until recently, when he purchased his second truck, the one pictured and now he is applying himself to the trucking business almost exclusively, doing local and long distance hauling, trucking live stock to the market is the principal feature of the business.

After moving to Clay City Mr. Hiser bought a home here and has done his part in helping Clay City to grow better by adding improvements about his place. He has prospered in spite of his handicap—he does not seem to recognize the fact that he has but parts of two hands.

He has a wife and two children, a son and a daughter and plenty of grit to see that they live comfortably.

## Elmer E. Easley



Elmer E. Easley was born at Dix, Illinois, September 19, 1871, where he grew to manhood and entering into business, first, at the age of 24, as an employe in a furniture and undertaking business, which he bought out five years later and conducted same until 1902, and during these eight years he was postmaster at Dix from 1906 to 1902.

Having sold the business he went to Wayne City, where he bought a furniture and undertaking business which he conducted until 1911 when he sold out and moved to Virden, Illinois, where he lived four months before coming to Clay City in July, 1911.

Mr. Easley dropped into Clay City incidentally early in July, 1911. He knew not a living soul in the town but after looking it over he was impressed with the appearance and walked directly to the C. R. Mills & Sons furniture and undertaking establishment, asked to buy their business, they priced it and it was sold. Mr. Easley took charge on the Fourth of July, moving his family here in

September following.

From the day he first arrived here and to this time he has been a constant booster for the town. In 1913 he was elected president of the village board and served two terms after which he served as a member of the board and again elected president which position he is still holding. He was elected in 1926, coroner of Clay county to fill vacancy. In 1928 he was re-elected coroner for a full term of four years. He was chosen on the school board about the year 1916 or '17 and has constantly and still serving the district as president of the board.

Last year he completed the erection of one of the finest store rooms in Clay City to which he moved his stock of furniture and undertaking supplies from the I. O. O. F. building which he had occupied and now a more up to date store of this kind may be found in much larger cities on'y.

His son, Gale, a licensed embalmer, is associated with him in the store and undertaking.

## Main Street, in Clay City, Illinois



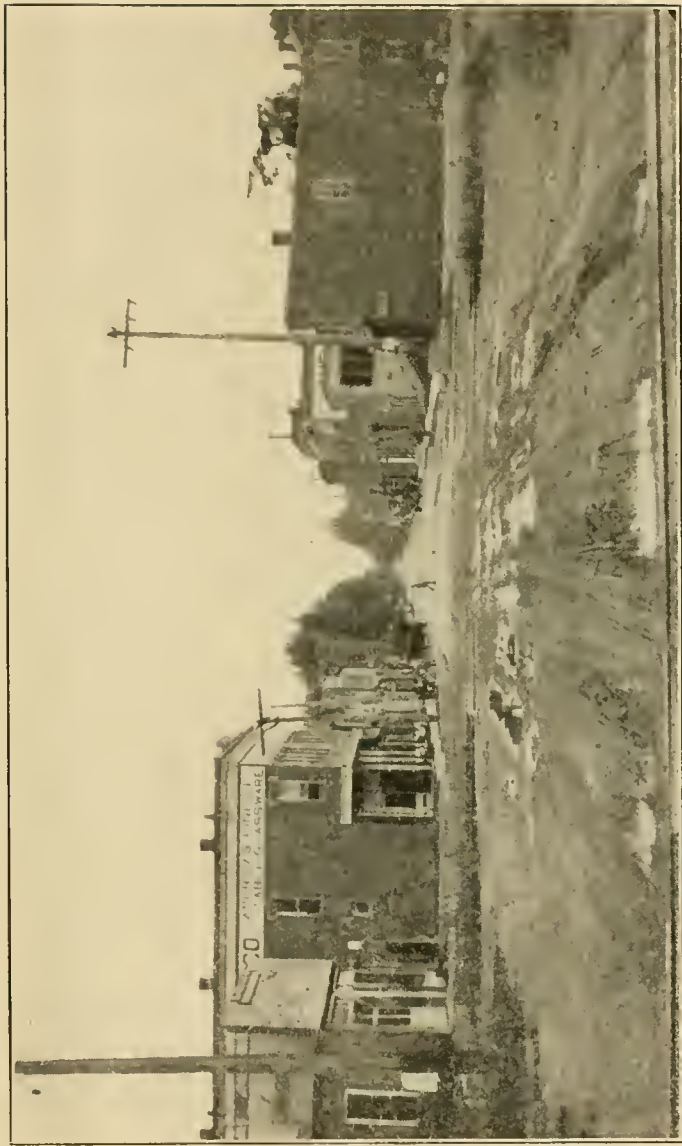
The above picture was taken on a Sunday in July, 1930, from just south of the Y where Route 12 leaves Main street.

On the right: Paden's restaurant, and next, not showing, Weiler's Service Station; next, Commercial Telephone office; Coggan building, occupied by Murvin's general store, showing beyond and above.

On the left: The McCawley building; first, Shock's grocery, second, Mix restaurant; third, Wiltsey's grocery; fourth, Blessing's garage; fifth, Easley's, furniture; sixth, Walker Harris building, occupied by Bensley's Cafe and others; the I. O. O. F. building showing beyond.



## Main Street, in Clay City, Illinois



The above picture was taken on a Sunday in July, 1930, from the east end of the B. & O. depot, looking south. Building, on the right; first: C. D. & J. W. Duff; second, Wilson poultry house; third, Holman building, occupied by Majors' general store; fourth, old tank building, occupied by L. R. Smith, jeweler; fifth, Clay City Banking Co. and Rex Hotel building; sixth, just beyond the white post, the I. O. O. F. building, occupied by the post office, "Jiggs", Cafe and Banker & Weiler grocery. On the left: Cracker & Son garage, second, Venable building; third, "Jiggs", old cafe building; fourth, Hunley grocery; fifth, Doherty drug store; sixth, Daubs building, occupied by De Loss Engineering Co.; seventh, C. W. Black building, occupied by Petty Cafe; next two, not showing in picture, two frame buildings, occupied by shoe shop and office, Coggan building showing next.

## Other Clay City

### Businesses

Other businesses serving Clay City and its community who are not represented among the biographical sketches, some of whom have recently been added to the list of Clay City's business men, at this date, November 10, 1930, are:

Bradens ----- Draymen  
\*Black & Black -- Service Station  
Black & Hopkins - Glass Cutting  
\*Walter Blackledge -- Service Sta.  
George Brainard ----- Gtrage  
Russel Barker ----- Blacksmith  
\*W. H. Beasley ----- Restaurant  
Roll Carder Painter & Pap. Hang.  
Wm. Clinton ----- Auctioneer  
Crackel & Son ----- Garage  
Jim Emery ---- Wood Workman  
John Fry --- Cane Manufacturer  
John Z. Gill ----- Real Estate  
Grant Prod. Co. - Poultry & Eggs  
\*W. Goodman ----- Garage  
C. Henderson ----- Physician  
\*Henry Mix ----- Restaurant  
\*E. E. Majors - Gen. Merchandise  
Padgett & Weaver ----- Barbers  
Harl Petty ----- Restaurant  
Paden & Weiler ---- Restaurant  
E. & A. Pearce ----- Hatchery  
J. M. Ragsdale - Maple Hill Hotel  
Ny Rudder ----- Shoe Cobbler  
\*Bert Rosenberg -- Antique Shop  
Alex Raley ----- Barber  
John Richey ----- Blacksmith  
L. R. Smith ----- Jeweler  
Schnell & Sunday --- Carpenters  
J. S. Swanson ----- Rex Hotel  
\*F. K. Wilson --- Poultry & Eggs  
Wiltsey & Wiltsey ----- Grocery

\* Businesses added since the beginning of the "Clay City Business Men's Review and Picture Page," published in the Clay County Advocate, beginning October, 1929, ending July, 1930.

## Village Officers

E. E. Easley ----- President  
F. M. Blessing ----- Trustee  
R. E. Duff ----- Trustee  
Curtis Henderson ----- Trustee  
Earl McIlvain ----- Trustee  
C. W. Crackel ----- Trustee  
C. W. Black ----- Trustee

### Township Officers

A. Hunley ----- Supervisor  
Ernest Reichman --- Town Clerk  
Leon Clark ----- Commissioner  
W. H. Graham -- Justice of Peace  
F. B. Loy ----- Justice of Peace  
Emery Braden ----- Constable

### Serving the Public

John A. Bateman ---- Postmaster  
Alvin Tucker ----- Assistant

### Rural Carriers

J. E. Brissenden ----- Route 1  
Nicholas Moseley ----- Route 2  
Levi Striegel ----- Route 3  
Shannon Holman ----- Route 4

### B. & O. Railroad

T. H. White ----- Agent  
Lloyd Smith ----- Assistant  
A. G. Ausbrook --- 2nd Operator  
Rex Dudley ----- 3rd Operator

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## OBITUARIES

### MAHLON H. PARKS

Mahlon H. Parks was born in Scott county, Indiana, December 6, 1861. Died in a hospital in Denver, Colorado, August 22, 1930. Age: 68 years, 8 months and 16 days.

On November 30, 1882, he was united in marriage with Leah C. Travis. To this union eleven children were born. One babe died in infancy in Illinois. Ten children are living, namely, Mrs. Edward Mosley, Cambridge, Nebraska; Mrs. C. R. Bunn, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. P. W. Johnson, Hutchinson, Kansas; Russell Parks, Cheyene, Wyoming; Dr. L. R. Parks, Grand Island, Nebraska; Raymond Parks, Roscoe Parks and Clifford Parks, all of Montezuma; Carroll Parks, Johnson, Kansas, and Mrs. E. E. McReynolds, Montezuma, Kansas.

The family moved to Oklahoma in 1906, where it remained for two years. Then the home was transferred to Hutchinson, Kansas. In 1912, the family came on west to Montezuma, where the residence has continued until this day. The wife and mother, Leah C. Parks, was called to her reward in February, 1927.

Mahlon H. Parks was one of the business pioneers in this country. His congenial and appreciative manner tended to cultivate not only the integrity of the business establishment but a multitude of loyal friends. As a citizen, he was of a progressive mind, deeply interested in the development of this western empire along lines that would insure its future. He was a friend of charities; a considerable help in starting the project of the new church building this year. He held membership in the Methodist church in Illinois. The expansion of the Montezuma school system found him an enthusiastic supporter of education. He was a tireless worker, giving himself completely to his task, as long as strength remained.

The past few years of steadily declining health were spent with an

optimism, were spent cheerfully as he watched his children building their homes 'round about him. It is doubtful whether any of us will ever really know the depth of his family interest and affection. It was exceedingly great.

His slipping away at this time brings mourning to many; but our memory of him will be kindly, even as he spread kindness about him. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edward Wood, Indianapolis, Indiana; one brother, Clarence Parks, Lacon, Illinois; the ten children; nineteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and an unusual number of friends.

Funeral services were held August 25, 1930, at the M. E. church, L. C. Gale in charge. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery.

### CLARA LEE SPILMAN

Clara Lee Spilman, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards Spilman, D. D., and Eliza Taylor Spilman, was born in Covington, Kentucky, July 17, 1857. Her early life was spent in Kentucky. She finished her education at Sayre College, Lexington, specializing in music.

Her father moved his family to Salem, Illinois, in 1877, where she met Geo. Wm. Andrews, whom she married July 29, 1879. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband; three children, Georgia Pritchett, of Springfield, Illinois; Edward S. Andrews, of Flora, Illinois; Jeanore Anderson, of Clay City, Illinois; four grandchildren, one brother, Lewis Spilman, of Knoxville, Tennessee; two sisters, Miss Anna Louise Spilman, of Flora, Illinois, and Mrs. Byrd Spilman Dewey, of Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Andrews spent the greater part of her married life in Flora, Illinois, where she was an earnest and faithful member of the Presbyterian church. Later she with her husband moved to Mississippi, where she resided until failing health necessitated



her being brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anderson, at Clay City. In spite of all that loving care could do she passed away at 3:10 on the afternoon of July 5, 1930, aged 72 years, 11 months and 18 days.

She possessed a remarkable personality, meeting the duties of life squarely, sincerely and efficiently. Her thoughtfulness of others, her unselfishness and her willingness to serve was recognized by all. Her southern hospitality, her easy, charming and gracious manner won her a host of friends. In over fifty years of wedded life she proved herself a devoted wife and a loving mother. Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest! Whose waking is supremely blest; No fear, no woe, shall dim the hour That manifests the Savior's power.

#### MARGARETT ANN CARDER

Margarett Ann Carder, daughter of Jesse and Eliza Carder, was born March 23, 1860, and passed into the beyond August 9, 1930; age 70 years, 4 months and 16 days.

She was united in marriage to James Elston and to this union was born three children, one son, Jesse, of Flora, two daughters, Trella and Eva, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Her husband preceded her to the beyond, eight years ago. She united with the Church of Christ at Sailor Springs, twenty-four years ago.

She was a wonderfully faithful mother and leaves a sacred memory to one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and others.

Her time is past, her labor done,

But we are left our race to run;  
Let her best thoughts and deeds support,

And steer our bark to'ard Heaven's Court.

#### HERMAN NOLL

Herman Noll, son of Adam and Matilda Noll, was born in Madison county, Illinois, August 11, 1877, and departed this life at his home near Sailor Springs on August 23, 1930, at the age of 53 years and 12 days. He

was confirmed in the German Evangelical church at Marme at the age of 14 and came with his parents to Sailor Springs when 19 years of age.

He was united in marriage to Clara M. Payne on January 28, 1908. To this union was born four children, one daughter, Velma Kuentzler, and three sons, Harold A., Lowell H. and Lorraine.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, devoted to his home and family, kind to his neighbors and liked to attend church when able. For several years he suffered greatly, but patiently awaited God's will to release his soul.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his faithful companion, four children, his father and mother, two brothers, Leo, of Clay City, Albert, of Decatur, and four sisters, Minnie Faitz, of Trenton, Illinois, Ella Carder, Josephine Franklin and Viola Koyner, all of Sailor Springs; also many neighbors and friends sorrow at his going.

One sister, Mrs. Robert Anderson, and one brother, Edgar, preceded him in death.

There's a beautiful city that lies far  
away from the earth with its  
burden of tears,

Where the night never enters but  
shadowless day shines on  
through eternity's years.

And there all our sorrows shall fade  
as a dream, as we enter the  
country of rest,

While before us in heavenly beauty  
shall gleam the mansions pre-  
pared for the blest.

#### PRESTON W. STANFORD

Preston W. Stanford was born in Clay county, Ill., Dec. 6, 1861, departed this life in his home near Clay City, Sunday, Aug. 17, 1930, aged 68 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. David Stanford, his father being a minister in the M. E. church. In early life Mr. Stanford was a member of the M. E. Church South, at Olive.

On Dec. 6, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Boyd, and to this union three children were born, Leslie, Tony and Lulu. The

latter died in May, 1899, at the age of nine.

Mr. Stanford was a good neighbor and friend, always willing to lend a helping hand to any in need. He will be greatly missed in the home and in the neighborhood. He was a kind father and loving husband.

He leaves to mourn his departure, a loving wief, two sons, Leslie and Tony and their good wives; four grandchildren; three brothers, Ross, of Lawrenceville, Ill.; Norman of the State of Washington, and David, of California. Six brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He also leaves many other relatives and a host of friends who will sadly miss him.

Sun set and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!

And may there be no morning of the  
Lar

When I put out to sea;  
It such a tide as moving seems  
Asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep

Turns again home.

Light and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time  
and Place

The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

Funeral services conducted at the home by Rev. O. H. Free. Interment in Clay City cemetery.

#### JOHN M. RINNERT

John M. Rinnert, son of John and Mica Rinnert, was born in Spencer county, Indiana, January 26, 1851, and departed this life July 5, 1930, at his home in Sailor Springs, age 73 years, 5 months and 9 days.

He was united in marriage to Rhoda E. Harris, November 7, 1878. To this union was born ten children. His companion and ten children. Elmer and Hattie, have preceded him in death.

He moved with his family from In-

diana to Illinois about 1890 and has lived in this community ever since. He lived on a farm all of his life until about 12 years ago when he moved to Sailor Springs.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Clemmie Kelm, August 21, 1920, and he leaves to mourn his departure.

He leaves to mourn his departure, besides the above mentioned, three sons, Len and Frank, of Sailor Springs, and Lowell, of New Boston, Wheeler and Opal, of Texas; stepson, Opal Kelm, of Sailor Springs; five daughters, Mrs. Pearl Wheeler and Mrs. Caddie Levitt, of Clay City; Mrs. Sallie Ditter, of Sailor Springs, Mrs. Mayme Coggan, of East St. Louis, and Mrs. Goldia Kochler, of Highland, Illinois, all of whom were present at the funeral; four brothers, Ed, of Bone Gap, Illinois, Lou, of Checotah, Oklahoma, Jake, of Naylor, Missouri, and Ma, of Flora, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Hughes, of Amarillo, Texas, and Mrs. Francis Neoltner, of Sailor Springs; thirty-four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends.

He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a true friend.

I cannot always know and understand the Master's rule;

I cannot always do the tasks he gives in life's hard school;

But I am learning with his help to solve them one by one.

And when I cannot understand, to say, "Thy will be done!"

#### CALLIE MILES PROSSER

Callie Miles Prosser, son of John and Amanda Prosser, was born in Rockport, Indiana, April 5, 1860. He departed this life March 22, 1930 at his home in Sailor Springs, at the age of 69 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Groves, August 14, 1887. To this union was born ten children, four infants having preceded him in death.

He united with the Christian church, at Union Prairie, at the age of 38 years. He was fourth of his post of duty, in the church at all

times, when his health would permit him to do so.

He was a devoted husband and father, a good neighbor, always willing to do the things he thought to be right.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, three daughters, Maggie Morefield and Nora Schnautz, of Flora, Illinois; Verona Moseley, of Clay City, Illinois; three sons, Billy, Joe and John, all of Sailor Springs, Illinois, and fifteen grandchildren; one brother, Steve Prosser, of Sailor Springs, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. Lon Rice, of Storm Lake, Iowa, and a host of other relatives and friends.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled,

The boon his love had given;

And though the body slumbers here,

The soul is safe in Heaven.

#### GUY MITCHELL

Guy Mitchell was born at Rose Hill, in Jasper county, Illinois, March 13, 1889, and departed this life near Clay City, Illinois, March 6, 1930, aged 40 years, 11 months and 23 days. Ill health was the cause of his untimely and sudden death.

He was a World war veteran, serving 20 months altogether, and eight months in France where he saw much active service. He served his country faithfully to the end of the war and received his honorable discharge. Since that time he has made his home near Clay City on the farm living with his brother, George. Here they got along fine together, though his health was poor for some time.

Guy was converted, baptized and united with South Freedom Christian church when just a young man. He never attended church much in late years, but had a warm spot in his heart for the church and was ready to speak out for it.

He was a good neighbor and a friend to all who knew him and his passing is regretted by his many friends.

He leaves to mourn his departure,

five brothers, Alva, George, Johnnie, Henry and Elmer Mitchell, with a host of other relatives and friends. His parents and three sisters preceded him into the great beyond.

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear cal for me!

And may there be no moaning of the  
bar

When I put out to sea;

And such a tide as moving seems  
asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark'

And may there be no sadness of fare-  
well,

When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourn of time  
and place,

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

—Tennyson.

#### ELLA E. SHOUP

Ella E. eldest child of Michael and Sallie Wilkin was born in Wyandotte Co., Ohio, October 19th, 1856—Departed this life on Wednesday April, 16, 1930. She having reached the age of 73 years, 5 months and 27 days. When but a girl of twelve years of age, she emigrated with her parents to Clay City, Ill., and settled on a farm south east of Clay City and for 61 years she has not lived very far away from Clay City. The last 32 years of her life was spent at the homestead where she passed away. She was united in marriage to E. W. Shoup May 10th, 1874 and to this union one daughter and son were born. In early life she accepted her lord and became a member of the M. E. church south, but later transferred her membership to the U. B. church at Harmony, she has been a loyal supporter of the church. Her husband was taken from her by death over five years ago. She has been blessed with good health except the last eight years. Her health declined very rapidly in the last three months.

It was only a vrey few days that she was compelled to lie in bed, she leav- es to mourn her departure, two chil- dren, Mrs. Elmer Staley of Clay City, Ill., and W. E. Shoup of Illiopolis, Ill. Seven grandchildren, ten great grand children, two brothers, Chesney and Jay Wilkin, both near Clay City, be- sides a host of relatives and friends.

Farewell then, mother, sister, grandmother and sister in Christ. We hope to meet in the judgement day.

#### MARY JANE MITCHELL

Mary Jane Mitchell was born in Richland county, November 5, 1859, to Elizabeth and Joseph H. Mitchell, and departed this life May 30, 1930.

Her marriage to Wm. Pixley too: place October 7, 1877, and to his happy union eight children were born, Harry C., of Ferguson, Illi- nouri; Stella Kirk, of Olney, Illinois; J. Edward, of Ottawa, Illinois; Bertha Wood, of Watseka, Illinois; Carrie Kesterson, of Clay City, Illinois, and Lida Rinnert, at home. Robert and Harvey died in infancy.

Sister Pixley united with the Sailor Springs Christian church about 35 years ago an dhas lived a consistent Christian life ever since.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."— Rev. 14:15.

Funeral at Sailor Springs Sunday afternoon, conducted by C. L. Doty, pastor of the Flora Christian church, assisted by Bro. Neathery, former pastor of Sailor Springs church.

#### MARTHA JOHNSON KNOWLES

Martha Jane Johnson was born in Indiana, March 16, 1856, and depart- ed this life at Quincy, Illinois. April 20, 1930, age 74 years, 1 month and 4 days.

She was united in marriage to David Lowery Knowles, March 12, 1882. To this union were born three children: Hattie Foreman, of Quincy, Illinois; Henry, of Dixon, Illinois, and Wilson, of Ingraham, Illinois.

She professed faith in Christ early in life and united with the Flora Bap- tist church, later moving her mem-

bership to Union Prairie Baptist church, and when the church was or- ganized at Ingraham she became a charter member, of which she has ever remained a faithful and conse- crated member. Serving the church as clerk for a number of years.

There were also three orphan chil- dren given a home and mother's care: Laura Anderson, a niece of St. Louis, Missouri; Lyman Moore, of Sumner, Illinois, and Mina Nix, of Olney, Illi- nois. Her husband preceded her in death December 20, 1922.

She leaves besides the above-men- tioned, two brothers, William John- son, of Casper, Wyoming, and George Johnson, of Colon, Nebraska, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Such is the record of the span of one short earthly life; and yet it does not tell the hopes, the ambitions, the desires that prompted the actions of he heart. She possessed many virtues which distinguished her as a good neighbor, friend, mother and Chris- tian woman.

Firmness of purpose and nobleness of character were written deep in her soul.

Unstinted in love and sacrifice for all who needed help and cheer. It is comforting to know that while the latter portion of her life was filled with affliction, she could look for- ward with blissful contemplation of that time which was soon to come, when she could lay off the tabernacle of flesh with its pain, and go to dwell in that mansion not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday by Rev. A. W. Phillips, as- sisted by Rev. Geo. B. Leathers and Rev. Francis Sparling. Interment in Ingraham cemetery.

#### MARY ANN MAXWELL

Mary Ann Maxwell, daughter of John H. and Frances Maxwell, was born in Clay county on February 28, 1844, and departed this life at her home in Sailor Springs, A 1930, at the age of 86 years, 1 mo. and 26 days.

She was united in marriage to William H. Odell, December 25, 1860.



To this union was born ten children. The husband and four children, Joseph H., Frances Catherine, Anna Laura and John H., preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss six children, W. O. and C. M., of California, J. R., of Pontiac, Michigan, Mrs. Wm. Merry, Virden, Illinois, Mrs. Wm. Weidner, Mitchell, Indiana, and Mrs. J. I. Levitt, of Sailor Springs; 86 grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

She has been an invalid for 2½ years, always patient and uncomplaining and often expressing a desire to depart this life and be at rest in her heavenly home.

She was converted and united with the Hoosier Baptist church at the age of 15 and was one of the charter members of the Sailor Springs Baptist church, of which she has been a faithful member.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!

Praise be thy new employ!

And while eternal ages run,

Rest in thy Savior's joy."

#### JACOB B. PATRIDGE

Jacob B., son of Thomas and Elizabeth Patridge, was born in Ohio, June 20, 1849, and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth, at Oglesby, Illinois, May 7, 1930, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 17 days.

He came with his parents from Ohio, to Clay City, Illinois, when just a small boy.

In 1869 he was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Franklin. To this union were born eight children. Those preceding him in death were his wife and two children who died in infancy; also Jacob G. Patridge, Mrs. Irene Taylor and Mrs. Lenora Etchison. Those who survive him are Mrs. Belle Tolliver, of Sailor Springs, Illinois; Mrs. Elizabeth Chew, of Oglesby, Illinois; Wm. Patridge, of Magnolia, Illinois; also a daughter by a second marriage, Mrs. Cecil Venable, of St. Louis.

Mr. Patridge has lived in and near Clay City nearly all his life where he was a well known farmer and stock dealer until the past few years of

which he has made his home with his children.

He leaves besides the above mentioned, one sister, Mrs. Oscar Poppe, of Clay City, Illinois; three brothers, John, of St. Louis, Elmer, of Clay City, Illinois, Sammy, of Elkhart, Illinois; also fourteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, many other near relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Belle Tolliver, Friday, by Rev. Geo. B. Leathers. Interment in No. 4 cemetery.

#### HARVEY ISOM COOPER

Harvey Isom Cooper, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, was born June 13, 1877, in Clay county, Illinois, and passed away at his home near Tonica, Illinois, on May 21, 1930, after a brief illness with pleurisy and pneumonia, at the age of 52 years, 11 months and 8 days.

His boyhood and young manhood days were spent in Clay county. At the age of 25 years he came to this community and the remainder of his life was spent near Lostant and Tonica.

On July 21, 1920, he was united in marriage with Miss Lena Grivy, of Lostant. To this union two children were born, Elouise Christine and Harvey Leroy. He was a kind and loving husband and father and very much devoted to his home and family and took great pride in his live stock.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and two children as above stated, his aged mother, Mrs. Louisa Cooper, of Utica; three brothers, David, of Lima, Ohio, Otto, of Utica, and Frank, of Chicago, and thirteen nieces and nephews and one great-nephew. His father, one sister and four brothers have preceded him in death.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home

Which never can be filled.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,

When love has bound the heart,

'Tis hard, so hard to speak the word—

"Must we forever part."

Funeral services were held from the home on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. T. E. Knubone, of the M. E. church at Lostant, in charge, who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family. Mrs. Elsie Hartenbower and Mrs. Grace Ryan, with Mrs. Estella Bell at the piano, sang, "Saved by Grace," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "In the City Four Square." Burial was made in Hope cemetery at Lostant, Illinois. Pall bearers were Golden Mills, Elmer Summers, John Walcenback, Louis Peterson, Ted Bayler and Simon Baker.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mrs. Louisa Cooper, Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper and family and Mrs. Hattie Malone, of Chicago, also numerous friends from La Salle, Peru, McNabb, Leoneore, Utica, Ottawa, Tonica and Lostant.

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#### JASPER R. ANDERSON

Jasper R. Anderson, son of Joseph and Eliza Anderson was born October 18, 1858, in Songer township, and died May 21, 1930, age 71 years, 7 months and 3 days. He spent his entire life with the exception of school days, in Songer township. He was a graduate of Valparaiso University, graduating in Teachers, Scientific and Engineering courses.

On March 14, 1888, he was united in marriage to Laura Anderson to which union two children were born Olis Clare and Elsie Fay. He is survived by his wife, both children, one brother, David, and a sister, Mrs. Welcome Anderson, besides innumerable friends. One brother and three sisters have preceded him in death. Thirty-seven years ago he united with the United Presbyterian church of Xenia Prairie and remained a faithful member until it was disorganized a short time ago. He was interested in the raising and improving of livestock. He was a successful teacher, having taught about fifteen years. He held the office of county surveyor for several years.

His fairness, honesty and desire to

always do what was right was recognized by all. He was untiring in his energy and successful in his undertakings. He was devoted to his home and friends and showed this by his unselfishness and thought for the happiness of others.

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me;

And may there be no moaning at the bar,

When I put out to sea.

Far tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place,

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face,

When I have crossed the bar.

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#### ALBERT RUFUS KISER

Albert Rufus Kiser was born August 12th, 1842, at Taylorville (now Mountain City), Tennessee; departed this life October 19, 1929, at the Olney Sanitarium, aged 87 years, 2 months and 7 days.

He began work as a carpenter when 15 years old, which occupation he followed until 1861. At the close of the war he came to Flora, Illinois, to visit his brother, whom he had not seen for 14 years. Here he began working again as carpenter, and met and was married to Louvina B. Miller. This union was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, two of whom died in infancy. Surviving is one son, C. W. Kiser, age 61, and one daughter, Lulu Battenfield, age 55.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kiser they lived in Clay City, where he worked as a jeweler until the death of his companion September 9, 1925. After her passing he made his home with Mrs. Battenfield in Olney until October 5th, when he was taken to the Sanitarium where he passed away.

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#### CHARLES SHERMAN BYRNE

Charles Sherman, son of Charles Hanriford and Editha Adaline Byrne, was born in Cedar County, Missouri, December 18, 1869; departed this life October 4, 1929 at his home in Kin-

caid, Illinois at the age of 59 years, 9 months, and 16 days.

His father and mother moved to Illinois when he was a small boy settling in Richland County but later moving to Clay County, where Charles grew to manhood.

In early manhood he was converted and united with the Conley Chapel M. E. church under the ministry of Rev. Manifold. He later moved his membership to Sailor Springs M. E. Church.

He was united in marriage to Adda Kearney of Sailor Springs, Illinois, June 3, 1904. Unto this union was born six boys all of whom are still living except Vernon Lester who died at the age of sixteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne spent most of their married life in Kincaid, where Charles worked as carpenter in the lines. He had many warm friends among his fellow workmen and was liked by all who knew him. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and brother, and a true friend.

Two brothers, Edgar and Arthur, and one sister Mrs. Johnsons have preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his departure Adda, his loving companion, five boys, Russell Lowell, Robert Clifton, Raymond Donald, Herman Roscoe, and Walter Eugene all of Kincaid, Illinois; also two brothers, Dr. Elmer Byrne of Kansas City, Missouri and George Byrne of Sailor Springs, Illinois, three sisters, Mrs. Ida Erwin of Louisville, Illinois, Mrs. Temperance Paine and Mrs. Bertha Weaver of Sailor Springs, besides many other relatives and friends.

"He has been called from hurt and strife,

From all the ills which fall to flesh and clay,  
He has been raised unto an ampler life.

Nor should we mourn too much  
who still must stay."

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#### **CARROL RAY AND CARL RAY MITCHELL**

Carroll Roy and Carl Ray infant sons of Russell and Lizzie Mitchell

were born October 14, 1929.

Carroll Roy departed this life October 14, 1929, and Carl Ray departed this life October 19, 1929.

They leave a father, mother and many other relatives.

Beckoning hands at the gateway tonight,

Faces shining with radiant light

Eyes looking down from the heavenly Home,

Baby hands beckoning, Come, O, Come.

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#### **JOHN CHRISTIAN WEILER**

John Christian Weiler, son of Henry and Kathryn Weiler, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, November 11, 1862, and departed this life at Springfield, Massachusetts, June 7, 1930, age 67 years, 6 months and 26 days.

He came to this country when he was sixteen years of age, coming to the home of his uncle, John Weiler, at Clay City, Illinois, with whom he made his home for one and a half years. After leaving Clay City he spent several years in the western states, finally making his way back to New York.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he gave his services for this country, serving until the end of the war.

For the last twenty-five years he has lived at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the bakery business until his health began failing him about six months ago.

He made one trip to his old home in Germany about nineteen years ago, the following year he spent two weeks here with his brother and family.

He became a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge while in New York, later moving his membership to Springfield, Massachusetts, and has been a loyal member for the last thirty-five years.

He leaves to mourn their loss, two brothers, Fred Weiler, of Clay City, Illinois, and Jacob Weiler, of Germany; also a number of nieces and nephews and two cousins, Sophia W. Boyles, of Flora, Illinois, and Louisa



Ohnsorg, of St. Louis, Missouri. A father, mother, one brother and two sisters preceded him into the great beyond.

His body was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Clay City, Illinois.

"Tell me, my secret soul,  
O, tell me, Hope and Faith,  
Is there no resting-place  
From sorrow, sin, and death?  
Is there no happy spot  
Where mortals may be blessed;  
Where grief may find a balm,  
And weariness a rest?  
Faith, Hope, and Love,  
Best boons to mortals given,  
Waved their bright wings, and whispered:  
'yes,—in Haven.' "

#### ALICE MARIE ADKINS

Alice Marie Adkins was born in Meigs county, Ohio, August 4, 1843, and passed into her heavenly home, October 17, 1929, aged eighty-six years, two months and thirteendays.

Her parents were Isaac and Emily Adkins, and her early life was spent in Pomeroy, Ohio. After receiving her public school education here, she attended the University at Athens, Ohio, and so was well prepared for her chosen work as teacher.

She specialized in primary work, and after six years spent in the school room, married Coleman Duncan Pennybaker. Soon after their marriage they moved to Clay City, which has been their home ever since.

Their union was blest with four children—Kitty, Isaac, Frank and Lucy.

Kitty is greatly endeared to the children in Clay City because for many years a teacher here; Isaac with his family lives in Bridgeport; Frank makes his home in Rosiclare; and Lucy is teaching in Sailor Springs for the sixth consecutive year.

There are also four grandchildren and one great grand child.

Mrs. Pennybaker had been staying in Rosiclare with Kitty and Frank, and passed away while there. Her husband preceded her by seven years in passing to his reward.

Mrs. Pennybaker became a Chris-

tian in early life, and united with the Methodist Church in Pomeroy. She was in feeble health for a number of years before passing away, and during these years was a member of our Sunday School Home Department always expressing much pleasure in the Lesson Quarterly which she received regularly.

As she expressed a desire for a cottage prayer meeting one was held in her home which was well attended by Church friends, and was of especial interest. With beaming face she expressed her pleasure in this meeting and told us how much she had always loved the Methodist Church.

The following incident is related by one of her daughters:

After becoming feeble she was very of singing, "God will take care of you."

This song of Christian trust seemed the key-note of her later years. When this daughter had to leave home in September to begin her school, her mother dreading the parting said, "Must you go?" Then realizing the necessity she said, "God will take care of you." She was a devoted mother, and had her reward by the devotion shown by her children, in the long years of her illness.

#### SYNTHA ANN BUFKIN

Syntha Ann, daughter of Dick and Adaline Rout, was born in Spencer county, Indiana, February 2, 1856, departed this life September 25, 1929 at her home near Sailor Springs, Illinois at the age of 73 years, 7 months, and 21 days.

She spent most of her life in Indiana, moving to Illinois in 1911. She was united in marriage to Will Bufkin of Spencer county, Indiana, March 10, 1876. Five children were born unto them, three girls and two boys. All are still living.

She was a faithful wife unto death, living 53 years with his companion whom she precedes in death. They spent the greater part of their lives together on the farm.

Sister Bufkin was loved by all who knew her for her kind acts and

neighborly deeds unto them. She was a devoted companion, a loving mother and a true friend.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her companion, Will Bufkin, two sons, Louie, of Clay City, Illinois, and Ed of Huntingburg, Indiana. Also three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Hawkins, Mrs. Daisy Stillwell, and Mrs. Belvie Skaggs, all of Huntingburg, Indiana, besides many other relatives and friends.

No more death; no more sorrow, and no fears;

No valley of the shadow, no more pain;

No weeping, for God dries away the tears,

And dried by him tears never rise again.

#### CHARLES WILSON CHANDLER

Charles Wilson Chandler, the son of Mary and Alexander Chandler, was born in Clay county, Illinois, August 1, 1873.

He departed this life October 6, 1929, at the age of 56 years, 2 months, and 5 days.

He was united in marriage with Anise Frank November 25th, 1897. To this union were born two children Frank and Aline Chandler. He became a member of the McKinney Christian Church at an early age.

He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, a sister, two children, two grandchildren and host of other relatives and friends.

#### THOMAS PATRICK QUINN

Thomas Patrick Quinn, son of Andrew and Anna Quinn, was born in Hoosier township, March 17, 1867, and departed this life February 20, 1930, at his home in Sailor Springs, at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 3 days.

He was united in marriage to Della Hiser, November 2, 1904, and to this union, was born one daughter, Vida.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, one daughter, Vida, three step-daughters, Lorena Smith and Jane Westbrook, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Leona Gumbel, of Sailor Springs, one

stepson, Will Hiser, of Clay City, five sisters, Ellen Dermody, Mary McBride, Alice Hudson, all of Flora, Illinois, Sallie Donnelly, of Effingham, Illinois, Maggie Murray, of Noble, Illinois, one brother, John Quinn, of Louisville, Illinois, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding,

O'er the spoils that death has won,

We would at this solemn meeting

Calmly say, "Thy will be done."

By Thy hands the boon was given,

Thou hast taken but Thine own,

Lord of Earth and God of Heavens,

Evermore, "Thy will be done."

#### NANCY A. LOCKHART

Nancy A., daughter of Mitchell and Matilda Jane Lockhart, was born March 7, 1852; departed this life, August 12, 1929, age 77 years, 5 months and 5 days.

She was united in marriage to Richard H. Hunley, May 4, 1881. To this union was born four children, the husband and three children having preceded her in death.

In May of 1914 she was married to Charles G. Thornton, who died December 3, 1924. In early life she professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church in Shelby county, Illinois. In May of 1881 she moved to Clay City and united with the M. E. Church South, having lived a consistent Christian life until she was called to her reward.

Those left to mourn her departure are: one son, Harvey W. Hunley, Utica, Illinois; step-daughter, Mrs. Fred Hammer, Washington, Indiana; one sister, Elizabeth Curry, Camp Canyon, Texas; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, with a host of other relatives and friends.

Sister Thornton has been a patient sufferer for years, having been confined to her bed for the last four months.

"Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me,

And may there be no moaning at the bar

When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark,  
And may there be no sadness of  
farewell

When I embark.

For tho, from out our bourne of  
time and place,

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face,

When I have crossed the bar."

The funeral services were held at  
the M. E. Church South, 2:00 o'clock  
Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. R. F.  
Purdue officiating. Interment in the  
I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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### BYRL DEAN WILKINS

Byrle Dean Wilkins, son of Tru-  
man and Bernice Wilkins, was born  
April 28th, 1928; departed this life  
September 5th, 1929, aged 1 year, 4  
months and 8 days.

Little Byrle was an unusually  
bright and cheerful child and his lov-  
ing disposition and childish smile and  
sweet baby acts endeared him to ail  
who knew him. His brief illness and  
early death reminds us that he was  
but a bud that was planted on earth  
to blossom in Heaven.

There is no death, the stars go  
down,

To rise upon some fairer shore,

And there in Heaven jeweled  
crown,

They shine for ever more.

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### SARAH JANE SHOCK

Mrs. Sarah Jane Shock, daughter  
of Henry H. and Kathrine Belt, was  
born in Decatur county, Indiana,  
June 3, 1859, and departed this life  
September 2, 1929, age 70 years, 2  
months and 29 days.

She moved to Illinois when a  
young girl and spent the rest of her  
life in and around Clay City, Illinois.  
She was united in marriage to John  
Shock, who preceded her in death in  
the year of 1916. To this union was  
born four children, three boys, Bur-  
ley and Sherman, of Clay City; Ray-  
mond, of Galveston, Texas; one  
daughter, Emma Hilderbrand, of  
Clay City. She was converted and  
united with the Christian church sev-

eral years ago, and lived true to her  
faith always confessing Christ as her  
Savior and Lord. She leaves four  
children, an aged brother, Henry  
Belt, of Clay City; ten grandchildren,  
and a host of relatives and friends.  
She was a good wife and mother, a  
good neighbor and was loved and re-  
spected by all who knew her.

"The pains of death are passed,

Labor and sorrows cease;

And life's long warfare closed at last,

Her soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!

Praise be thy new employ!

And while eternal ages run,

Rest in thy Savior's joy."

—Montgomery.

Funeral service at the home of  
Burley Shock, by the pastor, Ben F.  
Adams. Intemrent at the I. O. O. F.  
cemetery, Clay City, Illinois.

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### GEORGE W. MALONE

Geo. W. Malone, son of the late  
Patrick H. and Mary Malone, was  
born at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Octob-  
er 16, 1880. His early life was spent  
on a famr there; later he learned  
telegraphy; serving in the Philippine  
Islands, with U. S. Signal Corps for  
three years.

On December 1, 1906, he was unit-  
ed in marriage to Hattie Hudson, of  
Clay City, Illinois. He went to Chi-  
cago in 1912 where he lived until he  
was called to his reward, September  
25, 1929.

He leaves a wife, four brothers and  
two sisters, Hattie Hudson Malone,  
Frank, Fred, Berte, Henry Mrs. May  
Caster, and Mrs. Belle Wonch, of  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He was a member of Siloam Lodge  
No. 780, A. F. & A. M., and Welcome  
Chapter, Uo. 679, O. E. S.

Services were conducted in Chica-  
go, Saturday, September 28, at 4 p  
m., under the auspices of Siloam  
Lodge No. 780, A. F. & A. M., and  
Welcome Chapter, No. 679, O. E. S.;  
his remains were then brought to St.  
Elmo, Illinois, where services were  
again conducted at the home of Mrs.  
Anna Hudson, under the auspices of  
St. Elmo Lodge, No. 769, A. F. &

A. M., assisted by the Golden Rule Chapter, No. 278, O. E. S. He was then laid to rest in the beautiful Maplewood cemetery. His relatives from Michigan attended the services in Chicago. He was a kind considerate husband, and an affectionate brother, conscientious in all his dealings, and was patriotic. His honest dealings and cheerful disposition made for him a great circle of friends as was shown at the services Saturday in Chicago and Sunday in St. Elmo, where hundreds of friends came to pay their respects.

He will be sadly missed in his home and among friends.

### JOHN H. RUSK

John H. Rusk, son of J. M. and Rose A. Rusk, was born in Clay county, Illinois, on the 17th day of February, 1871, and died on the 16th day of December, 1929, aged 58 years, 9 months and 29 days.

Mr. Rusk was one of nature's noblemen, born and reared on a farm and was very successful in its pursuit.

he followed that vocation all his life

He was one of those peculiar people who move through life without much friction. A friend to all he was loved and respected by all with whom he associated and while he was not rich in this world's goods he was ever ready and willing to assist the poor and needy. He united with the M. E. church at Beulah Chapel near Louisville in his early youth, but moving from that locality he joined the Christian church, Bethlehem, near his home and has lived a devoted and loyal member.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Fanny Rusk, he leaves one step-son, W. S. Rusk, and one daughter, Mrs. Mason Harbin, both of this place; also one brother, Ernest Rusk, of Sorrento, Illinois; two nephews, Homer Rusk and Hugh Rusk, of Decatur, Illinois, and one niece, Mrs. Eunice Taylor, of Millmine, Illinois.

Such a life as Mr. Rusk has lived, has its influence in the home, the church, and the country, such living

has made them today what they are; the influence of such a life is felt years after the person's death. Nothing greater can be said of any man, than that he was a true devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, faithful to his religion and a good citizen.

There is no death,

The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore,

And bright in heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forevermore.

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### ADALINE McNABB

Adaline McNabb, daughter of James H. and Phoebe McNabb, was born July 26, 1857; departed this life February 9, 1930, aged 72 years, 4 months and 13 days. She was united in marriage to John Alvord, May 30, 1880, who preceded her in death September 12, 1913. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Cora Hance, of Lawrenceville, Illinois; B. M. Alvord, of Mouston, Texas, and Mrs. Phoebe Smith, of Sailor Springs, Illinois. She was married a second time to Richard Lee, November 25, 1915, and was a faithful companion until her death.

She united with the Methodist church at Rose Chapel in Indiana at the age of 16 years and changed her membership to Lathrop Chapel in 1894, and was always a faithful and devoted Christian.

She leaves her husband, three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Three brothers, Harvey, George and James, two sisters, Mrs. Eva Weisner and Mrs. Emma Ward; also a host of friends.

She has gone to be with God.

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### STOKE BABBS

Stoke Babbs, son of Joseph and Lucinda Babbs, was born in Ingram, Ill., Oct. 15, 1850, departed this life at Alfries, Florida, Feb. 23, 1930.

His father and mother died when he was an infant, and he was raised in Indiana by his uncle George Barnett. He later came to Illinois where he met and married Anna Chaney



and they moved to Clay City. To this union three children were born. His faithful wife and companion preceded him in death January 4, 1908.

He joined the United Brethren Church at Flora, Ill. in 1905, at that time he was a resident of Flora and working for the B. & O. R. R., as he worked for the company for forty years and retired from active service in 1915. Since that time he has made his home mostly with his daughter in St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Maggie Boatman. But recently he went to Florida to visit relatives and friends, and where he passed away, as he had been in ill health for some time. He bore his affliction with great patience and passed away very peacefully to his final reward.

He leaves to mourn his departure two sons, Dave and Edward Babbs of Elfries, Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Maggie Boatman of St. Louis; five grandchildren, Mrs. Opal Johnson of Palm Harbor, Fla.; Ernest Huff of Lexington, Mo., Clare Huff of Jacksonville, Ill., Donald and Muriel Babbs of Springfield, Ill.; one great-granddaughter, June Johnson of Palm Harbor, Fla., and a host of other relatives and many friends.

"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding,

O'er the spoil of death,

We would at this solom meeting  
Calmly say, Thy will be done.

### ELIZABETH DESCH

Elizabeth Desch, daughter of Casper and Suzanna Suess, was born near Lancaster, New York, October 24, 1853, and died January 15, 1930, age 76 years, 2 months and 21 days. Came to Illinois with her parents in December, 1869. Was married to Charles Desch in July, 1871, to which union were born ten children, of whom three preceded her in death, Maxie, Laura and Anna Gumbel.

Those living are Joseph, of Quincy, Illinois; G. R., of Des Moines; Elmer, of South Pixley; Celia Kessler, of Ingraham; Eli Umfleet, of Dayton, Iowa; Mary Ward, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary Okey, of Dayton, Iowa. Her husband preceded her in death near 30 years ago. She leaves thirty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister, and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

### WILLIAM HENRY LEVITT

William Henry Levitt, son of Michael and Mariah Nanning Levitt, was born in Posey county, Indiana, on October 3, 1844. At the age of 7 years, he came with his parents to Illinois and settled in Clay county on Levitt Prairie, near Sailor Springs.

On October 27, 1875, he was united in marriage to Drusilla Wammack, to which union came six children: Frank, of Clay City, Illinois; Cora, of Canton, Ohio; Alta, of Chicago, Illinois, and William, Delbert and Eldridge, of Sailor Springs, who with the faithful wife, 22 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends and neighbors, are left to mourn his going away, which occurred at the home of Eldridge, on the morning of February 6, 1930, aged 85 years, 4 months and 3 days.

In early manhood Brother Levitt began the Christian life and continued faithful to his belief of immortal life and a home prepared for all God's children and with love could say:

So long thy power hath blest me,  
sure it still will lead me on; o'er  
moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent,  
till the night is gone; and, with the  
morn, those angel faces smile, which  
have loved long since, and lost awhile.







